

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks.

The only issues raised in the Official Action involving rejections based on the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Claim 1, 2, 4 and 5 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,876,299, hereinafter the '299 patent. Claims 6 and 7 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-4 of the '299 patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,636,792 to Lichtinger et al.

A Terminal Disclaimer is enclosed, thereby addressing all the issues raised in the Official Action and placing this application in condition for allowance.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, or should the Examiner feel that a teleconference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, it is requested that the undersigned be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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